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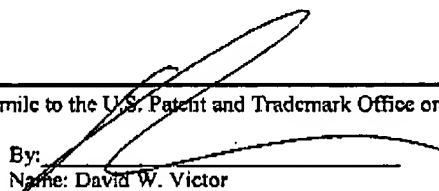
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Dear Sir:

On March 22, 2004, Applicants submitted a response to an office action amending the claims and distinguishing the claims over the cited art (March 22nd Response). In a notice of non-compliance dated July 23, 2004, the Examiner found the response to be non-compliant on the grounds it did not address the indefiniteness rejection (35 U.S.C. §112, par. 2) with respect to claim 38 and failed to provide arguments to overcome the anticipation (35 U.S.C. §102) rejection of claims 19 and 38. Applicants have amended claim 38 to overcome the indefiniteness rejection and amended claims 19 and 38 and submit arguments to overcome the anticipation rejection to correct the non-compliance. Applicants note that the amendments to the claims are shown prior to the March 22 response and show the current amendments as well as amendments made in the March 22nd Response. Applicants submit that the combination of the March 22nd Response and this Response comprise a complete response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2003 and request review on the merits.